

NARRATIVE ESSAY ORGANIZER

Title

In the title box, jot down ideas for a clear title if the subject is work-related or a "grabber" title if more personal.

Paragraph 1:
Introduction
& thesis
statement

In box one, write your thesis statement and jot down any ideas for a catchy or engaging introductory paragraph.

Paragraph 2:
Event 1
& detailed
explanation

In box two, write a topic sentence introducing the first event (or series of events) in the narrative. Brainstorm details that will explain the incident.

Paragraph 3:
Event 2
& detailed
explanation

In box three, write the topic sentence for the second event or series of events. Prewrite for details.

Paragraph 4:
Event 3
& detailed
explanation

And so on to the end of the narrative ...

Paragraph 5:
Event 4
& detailed
explanation

If your story has just three to six main events, write a topic sentence for each body paragraph, choosing the best details and supporting points from your prewriting. If the events are short or numerous, combine two or three in each paragraph.

Last paragraph:
Conclusion

Prewrite ideas for a conclusion: a final thought or statement of the point, so the story will feel finished.